# MINUTES TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING December 17, 2020

The Committee Meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee was held via electronic participation on Thursday, December 17, 2020.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Killion at 6:02 pm. who also called for the Salute to the Flag to be followed by a Moment of Silence.

Mayor Killion announced the meeting was in compliance of the "Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act".

The meeting commenced with a roll call by the Township Acting Clerk.

There was special request for electronic participation in the meeting due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic.

Committeewoman McBride moved the motion to approve the use of electronic participation. Deputy Mayor DiBattista seconded the motion. An affirmative 4/0 voice vote was recorded.

Deputy Mayor moved the motion to dispense the regular order of business. Committeewoman McBride seconded the motion. An affirmative 4/0 voice vote was recorded.

As of December 17, 2020, in Pennsauken Township there were 2537 covid-19 cases and unfortunate 39 deceased residents.

**PRESENT:** Committeewoman McBride, Committeewoman Rafeh, Deputy Mayor DiBattista and Mayor Killion.

Also present were Acting Township Clerk Pamela Scott-Forman, Deputy Clerk Ana Matos and Linda Galella, Esq.

# RESOLUTION(s) (PUBLIC HEARING/PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) The Following Resolution(s) will be considered individually:

NOTE: COMMITTEE MEMBERS SUGGESTED THREE NAMES FOR THE VACANT COMMITTEE MEMBERS POSITION, MATHEW McDEVITT, NICOLE ROBERTS AND DIGNA THOMPSON. THEY VOTED AND NICOLE ROBERTS HAD THE MOST VOTES WITH 3/4.

#### 2020:311

RESOLUTION APPOINTING **NICOLE ROBERTS** AS A MEMBER OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:16-1

WHEREAS, as a result of the resignation of Almar Dyer, a Democrat, a vacancy now exists on the Pennsauken Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, Committeeman Dyer's term expires December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-1 et seq. the Township Committee shall appoint a successor to fill such vacancy who shall serve until the next General Election; and

WHEREAS, the name of Nicole Roberts, a Democrat, has been submitted to the Township Committee by members of the "Pennsauken Democrat Municipal Committee" pursuant to N.J.S.A.:16-1 et. Seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee in the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey;

# Nicole Roberts 6871 Highland Avenue Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110

Is appointed a member of the Pennsauken Township Committee, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Almar Dyer, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:`6-1 et. Seq.

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
McBride				V		
Rafeh		$\sqrt{}$	V			
DiBattista			V			
Killion			V			

## **COMMENTS:**

Digna Thompson, of St Martin Rd: Thanked everyone for their support and for believing in her she also congratulated Nicole Roberts.

Ellyn McMullin of Palace Ct: questioned the length of the term.

Acting Township Clerk Scott-Forman: One year term and then she must run to complete the term.

NOTE: Nicole Roberts was sworn in by township lawyer Lou Meloni.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**

Regular Meeting December 3, 2020 Closed Session December 3, 2020

Committeewoman McBride moved the motion to approve the Regular meeting minutes of December 3, 2020 and Closed Session meeting for December 3, 2020. Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion.

An affirmative 4/0 voice vote was recorded.

NOTE: Committeewoman Roberts abstained.

# PROCLAMATION AWARDS/MAYORAL APPOINTMENT-

**Proclamation – Police Secretary Gloria Frazier's Retirement.** 

## **COMMENTS:**

Gloria Frazier: Thanked everyone and mentioned that she was honored to serve for the Township of Pennsauken. She was very excited to start her new chapter and mentioned it was sad to leave but she knows it is time to move on. Gloria stated that she basically grew up there and always loved to brag on how she had the best job. She was honored to have had the opportunity to work with everyone in the office and to have had the best Police Chief's to work for. She thanked everyone for the friendships she built and for all the good days they shared.

Chief Nettleton: Thanked Gloria for all her years of service and thanked her for being his calm at times. He also mentioned that Gloria has enough stories to write a best seller. He ended by wishing her the best in her retirement and she will truly be missed.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista: Thanked Gloria for all her years served and wished her well in her retirement.

Mayor Killion: Thanked Gloria for her service and wished her a happy retirement.

#### **BIDS OPENED- NONE**

## ORDINANCES: SECOND READING (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT)

#### **ORDINANCE 2020:20**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 155 ARTICLE V WEDDINGS AND CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES BY MAYOR

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, wishes to create regulations for refunds of marriage cancellations, and

#### 155-10. FEE ESTABLISHED

All persons desiring to have a wedding or civil union ceremony performed by the Mayor of the Township of Pennsauken shall remit to the Township of Pennsauken the sum of \$125 as a fee thereof.

### **RESCHEDULED**

- 1. Any request to reschedule a confirmed wedding date/time that is prior to 24 hours of the original date/time will be honored for no additional fee.
- 2. Any requests to reschedule a confirmed wedding date/time less than 24 hours before that date/time will result in an additional fee of \$75.

## **CANCELLATIONS**

- 1. Cancellations for a wedding ceremony must be made 24 hours prior to the confirmed date/time for a full refund of the \$125 fee.
- 2. Cancellations made less than 24 hours from the confirmed date/time will receive a \$50 refund.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts of any ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of the ordinance are hereby repealed.

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Roberts					V	
McBride			V			
Rafeh			V			
DiBattista			$\sqrt{}$			
Killion			V			

No public wished to comment

#### **ORDINANCE 2020:21**

AN ORDINANACE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AMENDING CHAPTER 141, DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS INCORPORATE ARTICLE XIV STORMWATER CONTROL.

**Whereas**, the Township of Pennsauken has received authorization under the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to discharge stormwater to surface water and groundwater from the storm sewer system owned and operated by the Township, and

**Whereas,** it is required by said Permit and the NJDEP that the Municipality shall revise its Stormwater Control Ordinance to establish minimum stormwater management requirements and controls for "major development" as part of non-residential major developments, aspects of residential major developments, and major developments undertaken by the Township.

**Therefore, be it ordained** by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that the Code of the Township of Pennsauken, Chapter 141, "Development Regulations" is hereby amended to revise stormwater regulations and control as follows:

Article 1 General Provisions
Section 141-4 Definitions and Word Usage

-Revise: MAJOR DEVELOPMENT – an individual "development," as well as multiple developments that individually or collectively result in:

- 1. The disturbance of one of more acres of land since February 2, 2004;
- 2. The creation of one-quarter acre of more of "regulated impervious surface" since February 2, 2004:
- 3. The creation of one-quarter acre or more of "regulated motor vehicle surface" since December 17, 2020; or
- 4. A combination of 2 and 3 above that totals an area of one-quarter acre or more. The same surface shall not be counted twice when determining if the combination area equals one-quarter acre or more.

Major development includes all developments that are part of a common plan of development or sale (for example, phased residential development) that collectively or individually meet any one or more of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, or 4 above. Projects undertaken by any government agency that otherwise meet the definition of "major development" but which do not require approval under the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., are also considered "major development."

Article V Subdivision Review and Approval Section 141-37 Application Requirements

-Revise 141-37. D to read:

For major subdivisions containing more than 10 lots, **and for any development that will ultimately be deemed as major development**, in addition to Subsection C (1) through (6) above, shall include:

-Revise 141-37. D (3) to read: Provision for adherence to the requirements, as applicable, contained in Article XIV Stormwater Control.

Section 141-51 Design Standards

-Revise 141-51. G to read:

Storm drainage (major subdivisions and any subdivision that will ultimately result in Major Development shall meet the requirements contained in Article XIV Stormwater Control).

-Revise 141-51. I to read:

Maintenance of stormwater management measures (for all subdivisions that will ultimately result in Major Development). A maintenance plan for the stormwater management measure incorporated into the design of any development shall adhere to the requirements, as applicable, contained in Article XIV Stormwater Control.

-Revise 141-52 Construction Standards to read:

The following construction standards shall apply to all subdivisions. In addition, the stormwater management requirements, **as applicable, contained in Article XIV Stormwater Control and** N.J.A.C. 5:21, the Residential Site Improvement Standards, Subchapter 7, shall apply to the construction of any residential major development, whether the subdivision is considered as major or minor.

Article VI Site Plan Regulations

Section 141-58 Performance Standards

-Revise paragraph 141-58 H to read:

Stormwater control/storm drainage, sanitary waste disposal, water supply at sufficient pressure and volume for fire protection and solid waste disposal shall be reviewed. Emphasis shall be given to the adequacy of existing systems and the need for improvement, both on site and off site, to carry off stormwater and sanitary wastes, and ability to maintain water pressure. For major development, residential and non-residential, stormwater management measures shall be reviewed, as applicable, for compliance with Article XIV Stormwater Control and/or N.J.A.C. 5:21, the Residential Site Improvement Standards, Subchapter 7.

Section 141-68 Site Analysis, environmental impact statement, site development stormwater plan or waiver

-Revise paragraph 141-68 to read:

Upon the filing of a preliminary site plan, the Planning Board shall, in exercise of its discretion, determine if the application should include a relatively brief site analysis, a complete environmental impact statement or may warrant a waiver of either, or both. For any major development, the requirements for a site stormwater plan are within Article XIV Stormwater Control.

-Delete paragraph 141-68. D

Section 141-69 Design Standards

-Revise paragraph 141-69. A to read:

Storm Drainage. Where applicable for major development, storm drainage standards shall conform to Article XIV Stormwater Control. As a basic principle, grading shall be planned so that the site will ultimately drain by gravity. However, the following criteria shall be met:

-Revise paragraph 141-69. A (5) to read:

Storm drain inlets shall conform to Article XIV, Section 141-138.

Be it further ordained that upon adoption, this Ordinance shall be submitted to the County Planning Board for review and approval. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as required by law.

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Roberts					$\sqrt{}$	
McBride	$\sqrt{}$		$\sqrt{}$			
Rafeh		$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$			
DiBattista			V			
Killion			$\sqrt{}$			

No public wished to comment.

# ORDINANCE FIRST READING (NO PUBLIC COMMENT)- NONE

RESOLUTION(s) (PUBLIC HEARING/PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) The following Resolution (s) will be considered individually.

## 2020:312

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REMEDIATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION AT PROPERTY LOCATED AT FORMER BE AUTO, INC. 4467 MARLTON PIKE (BLOCK 5912, LOT 4) CAMDEN COUNTY, PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109.

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken has determined that there has been, or it suspects that there has been, a discharge of hazardous substances or a hazardous waste on the Property.

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken authorizes application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) for grant funding for the preliminary assessment and site investigation of the Former BE Auto Repair, Inc. 4467 Marlton Pike (Block 5912, Lot 4) in order to determine the extent or the existence of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste.

WHEREAS, the Township *intends to acquire* the property by voluntary conveyance for the purposes of redevelopment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Pennsauken is committed to the redevelopment of the Former BE Auto Repair, Inc. 4467 Marlton Pike (Block 5912, Lot 4) for the purpose of redevelopment consistent with the surrounding community and consistent with the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance, within a three-year period after the completion of the remediation of this site either through the planned redevelopment project or through alternate redevelopment.

## **COMMENTS:**

Committeewoman McBride: Asked several questions in regard to the maintenance of the property.

Larry Cardwell explained that this is a controlled property, and it has a tax lien and EDA grant assesses the ground and this information helps us to bring it back to code to be able to sell it and gain losses.

Attorney Galella commented the Township has Tax liens and to foreclose this must be done. This would be the first step we need to take to foreclosure and sell it. The grant is to help the Township with this process.

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Roberts					$\sqrt{}$	
McBride						
Rafeh		$\sqrt{}$				
DiBattista	V		V			
Killion			V			

No public wished to comment

# 2020:313

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENDING INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD FOR FIRE PREVENTION AND HOUSING INSPECTION SERVICES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2013:131, on or about April 1, 2013, the Township of Pennsauken and the Borough of Collingwood entered an Interlocal Services Agreement for the provision of fire prevention and housing inspection services; said Agreement was for an initial three-year term; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the three-year term, the Township of Pennsauken and the Borough of Collingwood continued to act under the terms of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is now mutually agreed by both parties to formally end the Interlocal Services Agreement effective December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Captain Daniel L. Kerr, Jr. served as Fire Marshal for both municipalities under the Interlocal Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Division of Fire Safety lists the Township of Pennsauken as the Local Enforcement Agency ("LEA") under the Interlocal Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a public health State of Emergency due to Covid-19 and certain Executive Orders are in place. As such, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:71-2.7 (c), there cannot be any regulatory changes to any LEA until at least 60 days following the present State of Emergency being lifted. As such, the State of New Jersey has advised that it will not recognize Collingswood's new Fire Marshal until at least 60 days after the current public health State of Emergency has concluded. Therefore, Captain Kerr will continue to be recognized by the State of New Jersey as the Fire Marshall for the Borough of Collingswood while there is an ongoing State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken, seeks an Indemnification Agreement from the Borough of Collingwood holding the Township of Pennsauken and Captain Kerr harmless and indemnifying them from any and all liability until such time as the State officially recognizes the change in the LEA. Further, should the Borough of Collingwood refuse to enter into an Indemnification Agreement, the Borough is hereby on notice that it shall cease and desist from acting under Captain Daniel Kerr's Fire Marshall certifications; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, on this 17th day of December 2020 that.

- The Interlocal Services Agreement Between the Township of Pennsauken and the Borough of Collingwood is hereby formally terminated and concluded as of December 31, 2020; and
- 2. In the event that Collingwood continues to operate under the certifications of Captain Daniel L. Kerr, Jr., so as not to violate N.J.A.C. 5:71-2.7 (c), it shall be subject to the execution of an Indemnification Agreement. Should the Borough of Collingwood fail to execute an Indemnification Agreement, Captain Daniel L. Kerr,

- Jr. shall cease to operate as the Fire Marshall for the Borough of Collingswood as of December 31, 2020; and
- The Borough of Collingwood shall cease and desist from acting under the Fire Marshall certifications of Captain Daniel L. Kerr, Jr. as of December 31, 2020; and
- 4. A certified true copy of this Resolution shall be filed by the Municipal Clerk.

#### **COMMENTS:**

Ellyn McMullin of Palace Ct questioned what this is for.

Acting Administrator Palumbo responded a separation of a shared service, initiated in 2013.

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Roberts					$\sqrt{}$	
McBride			V			
Rafeh		$\sqrt{}$	V			
DiBattista			V			
Killion			V			

RESOLUTION(s) (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) The following Resolution(s) will be considered by consent agenda.

#### 2020:314

RESOLUTION FOR UNPAID MUNICIPAL CHARGES FOR EXAMPLE BUT NOT LIMITED TO GRASSCUTTING, CLEAN-UP AND BOARD-UP; ESTABLISH A FINAL BILLING; IMPOSE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS; ENFORCE THROUGH TAX SALE; AND IMPOSE MUNICIPAL LIENS (Large Scale Residential)

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN HAS INCURRED AN EXPENSE IN THE YEAR(S) 2020 AGAINST VARIOUS PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP FOR FAILURE OF THE PROPERTY OWNER TO COMPLY WITH MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE CONDITION OF THEIR PROPERTY, AND;

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP IS EMPOWERED UNDER N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.13; N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14; AND, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5(F)(2), TO IMPOSE A LIEN FOR THE RECOVERY OF THOSE MONIES EXPENDED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE ATTACHED LIST OF PROPERTIES DESIGNATED BY BLOCK AND LOT NUMBER, THE OWNER OF RECORD AND MAILING ADDRESS OF RECORD. THE AMOUNT LISTED CONSTITUTES A DEMAND BY THE TOWNSHIP FOR PAYMENT BY THE PROPERTY OWNER FOR THE COST INCURRED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

BE IT FURTHUR RESOLVED, IF PAYMENT FOR THE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT IS NOT RECEIVED IN FULL TO THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, C/O

DANIELLE LIPPINCOTT, TAX COLLECTOR, 5605 NORTH CRESCENT BOULEVARD, PENNSAUKEN, NEW JERSEY 08110 THAT THE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT WILL BE ENFORCED BY TAX SALE BECOMING A MUNICIPAL LIEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW JERSEY STATE STATUTE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

#### 2020:315

RESOLUTION FOR UNPAID MUNICIPAL CHARGES FOR EXAMPLE BUT NOT LIMITED TO GRASSCUTTING, CLEAN-UP AND BOARD-UP; ESTABLISH A FINAL BILLING; IMPOSE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT; ENFORCE THROUGH TAX SALE; AND IMPOSE MUNICIPAL LIENS. (Residential)

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN HAS INCURRED AN EXPENSE IN THE YEAR(S) 2020 AGAINST VARIOUS PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP FOR FAILURE OF THE PROPERTY OWNER TO COMPLY WITH MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE CONDITION OF THEIR PROPERTY, AND;

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP IS EMPOWERED UNDER N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.13; N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14; AND, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5(F)(2), TO IMPOSE A LIEN FOR THE RECOVERY OF THOSE MONIES EXPENDED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE ATTACHED LIST OF PROPERTIES DESIGNATED BY BLOCK AND LOT NUMBER, THE OWNER OF RECORD AND MAILING ADDRESS OF RECORD. THE AMOUNT LISTED CONSTITUTES A DEMAND BY THE TOWNSHIP FOR PAYMENT BY THE PROPERTY OWNER FOR THE COST INCURRED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

BE IT FURTHUR RESOLVED, IF PAYMENT FOR THE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT IS NOT RECEIVED IN FULL TO THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, C/O DANIELLE LIPPINCOTT, TAX COLLECTOR, 5605 NORTH CRESCENT BOULEVARD, PENNSAUKEN, NEW JERSEY 08110 THAT THE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT WILL BE ENFORCED BY TAX SALE BECOMING A MUNICIPAL LIEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW JERSEY STATE STATUTE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

### 2020:316

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF SITE INSPECTION ESCROW IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY- TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$2,432.50) TO THE CHURCH OF THE RISEN KING LOCATED AT 7512 N. CRESCENT BLVD (BLOCK 2303 LOT 2)

WHEREAS, the Church of the Risen King applied to the Planning Board in the Township of Pennsauken for site improvement approvals on the premises located at 7512 N. Crescent Blvd. Block 2303, Lot 2; and

WHEREAS, one of the conditions of said approval was to post escrow fees for the Planning Board Engineer's review and inspections of the site.

WHEREAS, the Church of the Risen King satisfied the Planning Board Engineer Site Improvements and Construction Office Permits (see attached) and request the refund of the remaining escrow monies in the amount of Two Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2,432.50).

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey that the Pennsauken Finance Department is hereby directed to refund the Church of the Risen King the remaining escrow monies in the amount of Two Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$ 2,432.50).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Finance Department, the Planning & Zoning Office and to Church of the Risen King, 7512 N. Crescent Blvd. Pennsauken, NJ 08109

#### 2020:317

RESOLUTION GRANTING RELEASE OF PERFORMING BOND #0771687 IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$17, 700.00) TO FAMILY DOLLAR LOCATED AT 7411 MAPLE AVE PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109- BLOCK 4210 LOT 2.

WHEREAS, Family Dollar 7411 Maple Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ. 08109 has requested the release of Performance Bond number (0771687) being held by the Township of Pennsauken for site improvements.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board engineer has inspected the site and has found the work performed satisfactory and in substantial conformance with the approved plan, recommends the release of the Performance Bond, and has filed a written report with the Township Committee which is attached hereto and made part of this resolution; and

*NOW, THEREFORE,* the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey agrees to approve the release of the Performance Bond in the amount of Seventeen Thousand, Seven Hundred and Zero Cents (\$ 17,700.00) to Family Dollar, 7411 Maple Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ. 08109.

*NOW, BE IT RESOLVED*, that the municipal clerk is authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of the Planning Board engineer's report to the Planning & Zoning Office and Family Dollar, 7411 Maple Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ. 08109 (Mr. Joseph Alesso, Paramount Assets 45 Academy Street, Ste 501 Newark, NJ 07102).

## 2020:318

RESOLUTION GRANTING A REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE BOND TO SEVENTEEN THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS (17, 360.40) FOR PENNSAUKEN PARTNERS, LLC. PREMISES LOCATED AT CRESCENT BLVD AND NORTH PARK DRIVE PENNSAUKEN, NEW JERSEY 08109, BLOCK 6402, LOT 11.

WHEREAS, Pennsauken Partners, LLC Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109 has requested a return of a Performance Bond being held by the Township of Pennsauken for site improvements.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board engineer has inspected the site and has found the work in substantial conformance with the approved plans as stated in his report dated December 14, 2020 which is attached hereto and made part of this resolution and recommends the performance bond be reduced to Seventeen Thousand, three hundred and Sixty Dollars and Forty Cents (\$ 17,360.40).

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the report and recommendations of the Planning Board engineer.

*NOW, THEREFORE,* the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey agrees to approve the reduction of the Performance Bond from Forty-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Two Dollars and Forty Cents (\$ 47,762.40) to Seventeen Thousand, three hundred and Sixty Dollars and Forty Cents (\$ 17,360.40). This reduction is contingent upon the submission of a replacement bond in the amount of \$ 17,360.40. by Pennsauken Partners, LLC, Crescent Blvd and North Park Drive, Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the municipal clerk is authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of the Planning Board engineer's report to the Planning & Zoning Office and to Pennsauken Partners, LLC.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Pennsauken Township Committee held on December 17, 2020.

#### **COMMENTS:**

Committeewoman McBride: questioned why we were reducing their bond?

The Planning Board Engineer requested the performance bond be reduced.

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Roberts					$\sqrt{}$	
McBride		$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$			
Rafeh			V			
DiBattista			V			
Killion			V			

No public wished to comment

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Budgeted	\$6	,642,654.10
Statutory Expenditures	\$	54,381.31
Section 8	\$	46,402.86
Rehabilitation	\$	807.38

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Roberts					$\sqrt{}$	
McBride	V		$\sqrt{}$			
Rafeh			V			
DiBattista		$\sqrt{}$	V			
Killion			V			

No public wished to comment

# Department Report(s) -

Police and Fire reports were received for the month.

#### Conference/ Items of Discussion-

# 1. Camden County Union Ave Reconstruction- Engineers Office and consultant Jeremy NoII – ERI

Jeremy Noll along with Ryan McCarthy and Kevin Becica were presenting a proposal for road work on Union Ave between Maple & Park. They mentioned that we have received Federal funding to complete. In order to start this project a public meeting is required. The cost of this project is an estimated \$1.4 million dollars and we have received \$1.6 million that will cover project, testing requirements and inspection to meet code. Final Approval will be submitted over Spring and Summer of 2021. We will start this project after the Haddonfield project, that is projected to end around June 2021.

# 2. Zayo Group - AT&T Small Cell Tower

The Presenters were Samantha Berman from 200 N Warner Rd King of Prussia, Pa and Mark Rubin from 230 Overlook Rd Morgan Town, Pa.

**Samantha Bermin stated the** Utility pole will be Zayo owned the antenna will be AT&T owned. The height of the pole will be approximately 45ft. Basically the demand per data has exceeded what the network could stand. And they came up with this solution for better service.

**NOTE:** Committee agreed for Zayo to move to Zoning Board for approvals.

# 3. iAnthus New Jersey, LLC

The presenter for this proposal was Susanna Short from 420 Lexington Ave Suite 414 NY, NY and John Henderson from 100 Kenrick St Boston, Massachusetts. Susana explained that they are interested in a location in town and are seeking a letter of approval for medical cannabis. She stated the Committee had passed resolution 2019-266 in August of 2019 I support.

There was some discussion after which Committee had no further questions.

### 4. NJ Transit Licensing Agreement was moved to close session.

# Agenda Items-

Larry Cardwell: I have two items of discussion. The first one is 5824 Westfield Ave they were approved for a daycare but never proceeded with this. Now they want to turn it back into office space. They would have to go to Planning Board and take proper steps.

**NOTE:** Committee agreed to allow them to go before ethe planning board

Larry Cardwell introduced Mr. Maurice Griffin to comment on 5900 Westfield Ave,

Maurice Griffin of 5466 Halpin Ave Pennsauken, NJ commented the ministry currently is located at 6701 Rudderow Ave. and wish to move to Westfield Avenue due to the growing capacity of the membership. They wish to offer finance and relationship classes, which are currently operating in the evening. Mr. Griffin stated they would like to use the site next to the building for parking, which they own.

Committee has apprehensions about the locations because it is in a residential area. Traffic and safety are a big concern.

**NOTE**: Committeewoman Roberts abstained.

#### **Public Comments-**

Al Dyer of Plymouth Ave, Thanked everyone for the support he received from the residents while on committee. He congratulated Mrs. Roberts on her history making moment as the first African American female on committee. He also thanked the other candidates for submitting their names for Committee. He voiced some concerns over the replacement process. He thanked the Mayor on the phenomenal job handling the pandemic.

Raelund of 4454 Garfield Ave: Commented she had an issue which Amy (Schmalbach) handled and commented she was a pleasure to talk too. She thanked Betsy McBride for what she's done and commented she will be truly missed. She congratulated Committeewoman Roberts on her appointment and willingness to serve.

Mayor Killion: Thank you for coming on and we will pass along your nice message to Amy who does a great job in supporting us and helping our residents.

Deputy Mayor moved the motion to close public comment. Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion. An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

Mr. Meloni suggested take an action on approval of the letter (marijuana) subject to the review and approval of the solicitor. This way the letter can be reviewed, and the details can be worked out along with committees concerns.

Committeewoman McBride moved a motion for the letter to be modified and looked over by Solicitor.

Committeewoman Rafeh Seconded the motion.

An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

## **COMMITTEE COMMENTS -**

### **MAYOR KILLION:**

- Longest meeting of the year and a historic day as we have our first African American female serving in our Committee. I am extremely proud.
- The Tree Lighting was a success, we had a great outcome. We had to do it a little different but non the less we enjoyed sharing a happy moment with our residents. Thank you to everyone who participated and everyone who took time to make sure everything came out beautifully.
- thank you for your participation in our Zoom meetings throughout the year.
- Thank you to all our Department heads and all our employees who have done a
  phenomenal job even with these scary times.
- This is the last meeting of the year and my last meeting as your mayor. I am extremely humbled to have had the opportunity to serve Pennsauken.

- This was not an easy year due to this horrific pandemic, but we came together as a community and have done a phenomenal job following CDC guidelines.
- Thank you to each one of you for believing in me and us as a committee. I appreciate the trust and cannot wait to continue to serve you.
- I want to thank our Acting Administrator for his hard work and his dedication specially with all that has happened in this 2020.
- Pease continue to stay safe, wear your masks and wash your hands often. This
  is not over, and we need to continue to work together to make it to the finish line
  stronger than ever.

#### **DEPUTY MAYOR DIBATTISTA:**

- This year has been a very challenging one for us all and I am so proud of Pennsauken and our community.
- I want to thank Mayor Killion for doing everything that he did and for putting the safety of our town and residents first.
- Thank you everyone who participated in our Zoom meetings specially today with it being the longest one of the years.
- My prayers and thoughts are with every person who lost a loved one during this
  pandemic. There is light at the end of the tunnel with the vaccines being
  distributed but let us not drop the ball and let us continue to wear our masks,
  wash our hands, and keep social distance.
- Congratulations Nicole Roberts on making history today. I am very happy and excited to work with you this upcoming year.
- Congratulations to Betsy for her retirement, I respect your dedication and I wish you well and good luck.
- Thank you to all the Pennsauken employees for all that you have done and continue to do.

## **COMMITTEEWOMAN RAFEH:**

- My thoughts and prayers to each and everyone who have lost a loved one and who are battling this virus.
- Congratulation Gloria on your retirement, thank you for all your hard work, you will be missed.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Roberts on this historic day. You will do a great job serving Pennsauken.
- I look towards working with Digna Thompson, please do not get discouraged and keep doing what you are doing.
- Thank you, Mayor Killion, for being the leader you were during an unpresidential year.
- Thank you to all the employees and department heads for all that you do. Please continue to stay safe, wash your hands and social distance and take care of each other.

### **COMMITEEWOMAN ROBERTS:**

- Thank you to everyone, I could not be more excited to be part of a team as it is the Pennsauken Committee.
- Congratulation Betsy on your retirement I wish you the best and thank you for your dedication and your passion.
- Please continue to stay safe everyone. Happy Holidays.

## **COMMITTEEWOMAN MCBRIDE:**

 This is a bittersweet moment for me because Digna Thompson was a very good candidate but Congratulations to Nicole Roberts on your win.

- Digna Thompson please continue to do what you are doing. You are an excellent addition to this town, and you will strive. Grab on to what matters to you and work towards it and always do things that are passionate to you.
- I have served twenty years and I am humbled and love what I do.
- Thank you to our Acting Administrator for all that you have done, it was a very challenging year.
- I was very proud to be part of the BLM march and I am even more exited to
  continue to work with our town on voicing what is right, and BLM must continue. I
  could never wake up and understand what it is to wake up and feel what you feel
  every day. Pennsauken is one of the most diverse towns and I am proud to be a
  resident.
- We need to continue to have young and new people serve our town. We need
  people who care about the environment and care for our seniors. We are also in
  need of more females who are passionate and want to make a change. We also
  need to give the younger folks the platform to express themselves and to
  contribute their views.
- I want to thank Jack Killion for bringing us Tim. He has done an outstanding job specially with this heck of a year.
- Thank you everyone and please continue to stay safe and doing the right thing.

# **MAYOR KILLION:**

• Thank you, Betsy, for all and everything that you do. Enjoy your retirement you deserve it.

# RESOLUTION (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) THE FOLLOWING WILL BE CONSIDERED INDIVIDUALLY –

#### 2020:319

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO DISSCUSS UNDER ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILAGE, CONTRACTS AND PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken is subject to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6- et. seq; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey generally requires that all meetings of public bodies be open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act further provides that a public body may exclude the public from a portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses items enumerated in the Open Public Meetings Act at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b, which items are recognized as requiring confidentiality; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate for the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken to discuss certain matters in a meeting not open to the public consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b.

WHEREAS, matters under discussion will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey that:

- 1. The Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken shall hold a closed meeting from which the public shall be excluded, on December 17, 2020.
- 2. The general natures of the subjects to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be matters of Contracts and Personnel N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7)

**ADOPTED** at the Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken on December 17, 2020.

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Roberts			V			
McBride			V			
Rafeh		$\sqrt{}$	V			
DiBattista	V		V			
Killion			V			

No Public Comment

Committee retuned to adjourn at 10:46 pm

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Ana Matos Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED: February 18, 2021